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'TWO TOP'

This area is just outside of West Yellowstone, Montana. On a clear day, from atop this mountain, you can see down into Idaho and Wyoming and of course back into Montana. The snow on top at times gets to 10 and 12 foot depths. The trees look like Snow Sculptures, and are truly a sight to see.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

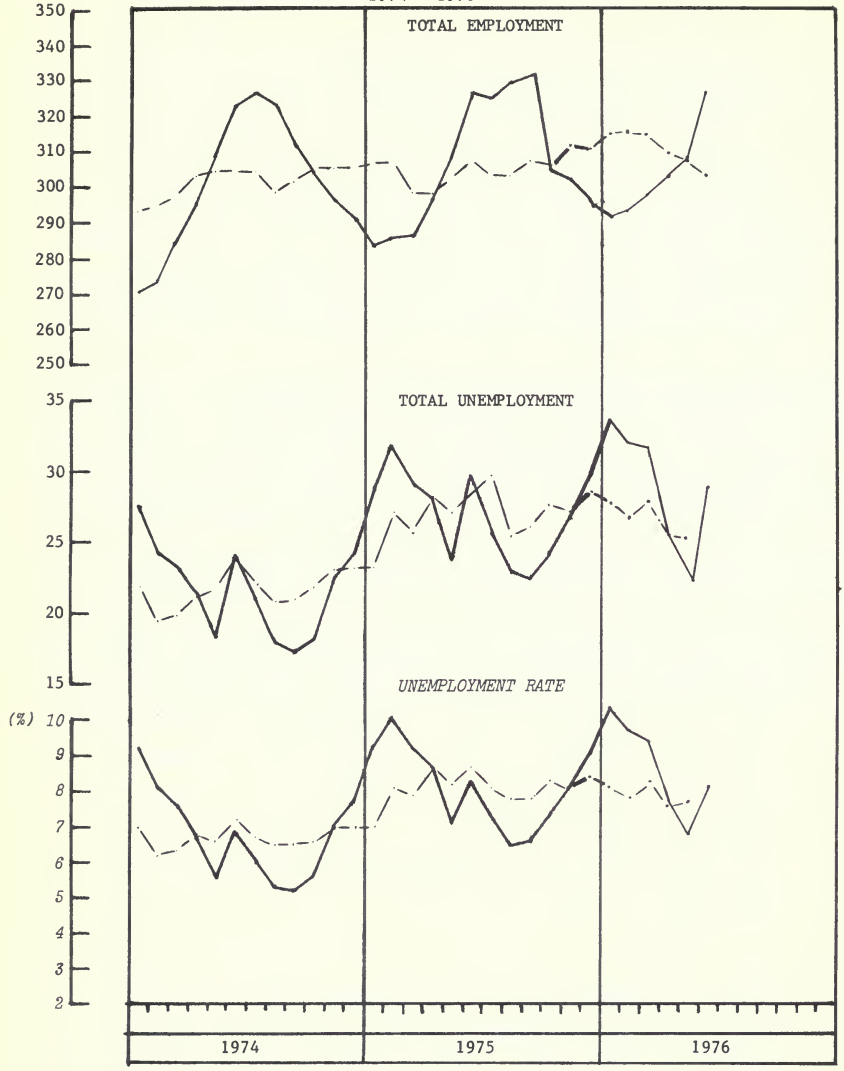
14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ——)

(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: ·–·–)

1974 - 1976



BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES, VS ACTUAL STATE OF MONTANA EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

The Bureau of Labor statistics compiles national unemployment on the basis of a monthly Current Population Survey (C.P.S.). Twenty-seven states have large enough samples to enable the Bureau to determine those state's unemployment rate. Twenty-three states, in which Montana is included, must determine their unemployment by means of a statistical formula. Because of the difference in methodology, when C.P.S. states are added to non-C.P.S. states, the unemployment rate differs from that of the "National" rate.

Early in 1976 the Office of Management and Budget mandated that the Bureau of Labor Statistics force the aggregate of all states to equal the national C.P.S. estimates. March 4, 1976, this agency was mandated by the Bureau to adjust the state unemployment rate for 1975 and throughout 1976 downward. All states in B. L. S. Region VIII received the same adjustment factors. Analysis of these adjustment factors indicatesthat Montana's unemployment rate would arbitrarily be reduced and end results would be misleading and not representative of Montana's actual economic conditions. Therefore, because this agency owes the public in Montana the most reliable and consistent figures available, Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section will continue to publish what is felt are actual unemployment statistics in this publication. This agency will furnish the Bureau with adjusted figures on required reports, but Montana will not publish them.

Because of the above, Bureau of Labor Statistics publications will not agree with statistics as published by Montana's Employment Security Research and Analysis Section.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

JUNE 1976

Montana's civilian labor force for May was 330,300, an increase of 1,700 from the previous month and 2,400 more than a year ago. Total employment was 5,200 higher than in April and 3,700 higher than in May 1975.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 242,200 for May compared with 240,500 in April, and 240,200 for the same month one year ago. Manufacturing employment dropped 600 from 1975 while nonmanufacturing employment saw a 2,600 increase. Industries showing declines from a year ago were: mining, down 1,500; contract construction, down 900; and wholesale and retail trade, down 800; while the service industries and finance, insurance and real estate industries remained the same.

The index of prices received by Montana farmers for all farm products in May was one point below that of the previous month, according to the Montana Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. Although prices for wheat and hay declined, the index was held near the previous month's level by steady to higher prices for feed grain, lambs and hogs. By the end of May, spring wheat was 95% complete which is slightly ahead of the normal yearly pace. Barley and oats seeding was 90% done while corn was 70% planted, sugar beets 95%, potatoes 60% and dry beans 71%. More than 90% of the cattle and sheep were on summer ranges with the range feed supply reported to be adequate.

April bank debits for Montana increased 41% over the previous year, and were up 35% for the first four months of this year from a year ago. Only the Butte and Anaconda areas experienced decreases so far this year compared with 1975 for the same months.

Production of crude oil and condensate from oil and gas areas of Montana for the month of March averaged 90,498, a decrease of 5,526 barrels from the February production. During March, 75 wells were completed, 12 oil, 25 gas and 38 dry holes. There were 49 permits issued in March to drill new wells, an increase of 14 from the 35 permits issued during February.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

MAY 1976

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	247	100	2,103
CETA-CEP	75	67	214
CETA-INST.	57	36	279
CETA-OJT	43	30	127
JOB CORPS	22	21	236
PSE	207	113	1,365

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	May 1976	*Percent Change From:* Apr. 1976	May 1975
All Items	169.2	*0.6%*	*6.2%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

MAY 1976

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*4.8%*
Female	*33.7%*
Youth	*10.9%*
Over 45	*22.4%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	*9.2*	*5.6*	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	*8.1*	*5.7*	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	*7.6*	*5.3*	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	*6.8*	*4.8*	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	*5.6*	*4.6*	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	*6.9*	*5.8*	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	*6.0*	*5.6*	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	*5.3*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.2*	*5.7*	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	*5.6*	*5.5*	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	*7.0*	*6.2*	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	*7.7*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	*6.7*	*5.6*	.5
1975								
January	308.7	279.8	253.0	26.8	28.9	*9.4*	*9.0*	*
February	309.6	278.2	250.8	27.4	31.4	*10.2*	*9.1*	.1
March	316.6	287.3	257.1	30.2	29.3	*9.2*	*9.1*	.3
April	320.3	292.3	259.4	32.9	28.0	*8.7*	*8.6*	.2
May	327.9	304.3	267.3	37.0	23.6	*7.2*	*8.3*	.1
June	349.1	319.7	278.9	40.8	29.4	*8.4*	*8.1*	.1
July	345.9	321.3	279.1	42.2	25.6	*7.4*	*8.7*	.2
August	350.9	327.9	280.7	47.2	23.0	*6.6*	*8.2*	*
September	340.2	317.7	279.3	38.4	22.5	*6.6*	*8.1*	.3
October	332.6	308.4	274.4	34.0	24.2	*7.3*	*7.8*	.3
November	332.4	305.8	274.3	31.5	26.6	*8.0*	*7.8*	.2
December	330.7	300.6	271.4	29.2	30.1	*9.1*	*7.8*	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	*8.1*	*8.5*	.1
1976								
January	324.8	291.2	262.4	28.8	33.6	*10.3*	*8.8*	*
February	323.6	292.1	263.3	28.8	31.5	*9.7*	*8.7*	*
March	328.3	297.3	265.8	31.5	31.0	*9.5*	*8.1*	*
April	328.6	302.8	267.8	35.0	25.8	*7.9*	*7.4*	*
May	330.3	308.0	270.9	37.1	22.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	*
June	*355.2*	*326.6*	*285.5*	*41.1*	*28.6*	*8.1*		
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. *Series began January 1970.*
2/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast; previous month prelimary*

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.8*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								
January	31.1	28.5	27.4	1.1	2.6	*8.3*	*9.4*	*
February	31.2	28.2	27.1	1.1	3.0	*9.7*	*10.2*	*
March	31.8	29.0	27.8	1.2	2.8	*8.7*	*9.2*	.1
April	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	*8.3*	*8.7*	.1
May	32.7	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*7.2*	*
June	*33.7*	*30.9*	*29.3*	*1.6*	2.8	*8.4*	*8.4*	*
July	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	*8.1*	*7.4*	*
August	33.7	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.5	*7.4*	*6.6*	*
September	33.3	30.9	29.4	1.5	2.4	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
October	33.0	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.7	*8.1*	*7.3*	*
November	33.0	30.4	29.2	1.2	2.6	*7.9*	*8.0*	*
December	33.0	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.8	*8.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	*8.2*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	32.4	29.2	28.1	1.1	3.2	*9.8*	*10.3*	*
February	32.2	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.9	*9.1*	*9.7*	*
March	32.9	29.9	28.7	1.2	3.0	*9.2*	*9.5*	*
April	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	*7.9*	*7.9*	*
May	32.6	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*6.8*	*
June	*34.4*	*31.0*	*29.4*	*1.6*	*3.4*	*9.9*	*8.1*	
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[2]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent[1] County	Percent[1] State	
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	*7.8*	*9.2*	*
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	*5.9*	*8.1*	*
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	*5.4*	*7.6*	*
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	*4.9*	*6.8*	*
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	*4.4*	*5.6*	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	*6.3*	*6.9*	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	*5.3*	*6.0*	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	*4.4*	*5.3*	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	*4.4*	*5.2*	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	*4.2*	*5.6*	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	*5.0*	*7.0*	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	*5.4*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	*5.3*	*6.7*	*
1975								
January	45.4	42.0	40.8	1.2	3.4	*7.6*	*9.4*	*
February	45.1	41.5	40.2	1.3	3.6	*8.0*	*10.2*	*
March	45.6	42.0	40.6	1.4	3.6	*7.9*	*9.2*	.1
April	46.8	43.4	41.9	1.5	3.4	*7.3*	*8.7*	*
May	47.1	44.5	42.8	1.7	2.6	*5.6*	*7.2*	*
June	49.0	45.6	43.7	1.9	3.4	*7.0*	*8.4*	*
July	49.5	46.3	44.4	1.9	3.2	*6.5*	*7.4*	*
August	49.2	46.1	43.9	2.2	3.1	*6.2*	*6.6*	*
September	48.5	45.6	43.8	1.8	2.9	*5.9*	*6.6*	.2
October	48.4	45.6	44.0	1.6	2.8	*5.8*	*7.3*	.2
November	49.2	46.4	45.0	1.4	2.8	*5.8*	*8.0*	*
December	48.6	45.4	44.1	1.3	3.2	*6.5*	*9.1*	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	*6.7*	*8.1*	*
1976								
January	47.4	43.7	42.4	1.3	3.7	*7.9*	*10.3*	*
February	47.1	43.8	42.5	1.3	3.3	*7.1*	*9.7*	*
March	47.5	44.1	42.7	1.4	3.4	*7.2*	*9.5*	*
April	48.3	45.4	43.8	1.6	2.9	*5.9*	*7.9*	*
May	48.0	45.7	44.0	1.7	2.3	*4.7*	*6.8*	*
June	*50.4*	*46.9*	*45.0*	*1.9*	*3.5*	*7.0*	*8.1*	
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

MAY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: Apr. 1976	May 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	330.3	328.6	327.9	1.7	2.4
2. Unemployment	22.3	25.8	23.6	-3.5	-1.3
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*6.8*	*7.9*	*7.2*	*-1.1*	*-.4*
3. Employment, Total	308.0	302.8	304.3	5.2	3.7
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	239.8	238.2	235.7	1.6	4.1
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*242.2*	*240.5*	*240.2*	*1.7*	*2.0*
MANUFACTURING	*21.9*	*21.8*	*22.5*	*.1*	*-.6*
Durable Goods	*14.1*	*14.0*	*14.9*	*.1*	*-.8*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.3*	*0*	*-.1*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.2*	*0*	*0*
Other Durable Goods	*2.7*	*2.6*	*3.4*	*.1*	*-.7*
Nondurable Goods	*7.8*	*7.8*	*7.6*	*0*	*.2*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*3.5*	*3.5*	*3.5*	*0*	*0*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*0*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.0*	*0*	*.3*
NONMANUFACTURING	*220.3*	*218.7*	*217.7*	*1.6*	*2.6*
Mining	*5.8*	*5.8*	*7.3*	*0*	*-1.5*
10 Metal Mining	*2.3*	*2.3*	*3.5*	*0*	*-1.2*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.6*	*1.6*	*1.8*	*0*	*-.2*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*

Contract Construction	11.0	11.1	11.9	-.1	-.9
15 General Building Contractors	3.8	4.0	5.1	-.2	-1.3
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.0	2.9	2.3	.1	.7
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.2	4.2	4.5	0	-.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.2	19.2	18.8	0	.4
40 Railroad Transportation	6.0	5.9	6.2	.1	-.2
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.9	6.0	5.3	-.1	.6
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.3	7.3	7.3	0	0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	60.3	59.3	61.1	1.0	-.8
Wholesale Trade	12.0	12.0	12.4	0	-.4
Retail Trade	48.3	47.3	48.7	1.0	-.4
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	.1
54 Food Stores	6.4	6.4	6.4	0	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	7.9	7.9	8.2	0	-.3
58 Eating and Drinking Places	16.2	15.2	15.9	1.0	.3
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	9.7	9.7	10.2	0	-.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.5	10.4	10.5	.1	0
Services	45.2	45.3	45.2	-.1	0
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.0	5.1	6.0	-.1	-1.0
72 Personal Services	2.5	2.5	2.8	0	-.3
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.6	14.6	13.5	0	1.1
Other Services	23.1	23.1	22.9	0	.2
Government	68.3	67.6	62.9	.7	5.4
91 Federal Government	13.9	13.5	12.7	.4	1.2
92 State Government	19.7	19.7	17.6	0	2.1
State Education	9.6	9.6	-	0	-
Other State Government	10.1	10.1	-	0	-
93 Local Government	34.7	34.4	32.6	.3	2.1
Local Education	21.9	21.8	-	.1	-
Other Local Government	12.8	12.6	-	.2	-
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	31.1	29.6	31.6	1.5	-.5
(c) Agriculture	37.1	35.0	37.0	2.1	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	.1	-	-

*1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Employment and Training Administration.

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

MAY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: Apr. 1976	May 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	32.6	32.5	32.7	.1	-.1
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.6	2.4	-.3	-.1
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*7.1*	*7.9*	*7.3*	*-.8*	*-.2*
3. Employment, Total	30.3	29.9	30.3	.4	0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	26.4	26.3	26.4	.1	0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*27.5*	*27.3*	*28.5*	*.2*	*-1.0*
MANUFACTURING	*1.7*	*1.7*	*1.8*	*0*	*-.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*25.8*	*25.6*	*26.7*	*.2*	*-.9*
Contract Construction	*1.5*	*1.4*	*1.5*	*.1*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*1.3*	*1.3*	*2.6*	*0*	*-1.3*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.6*	*8.5*	*8.5*	*.1*	*.1*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.1*
Services and Mining	*6.4*	*6.4*	*6.0*	*0*	*.4*
Government	*6.1*	*6.1*	*6.1*	*0*	*0*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	2.4	2.2	2.4	.2	0
(c) Agriculture	1.5	1.4	1.5	.1	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-additive, included in Line (a).
Establishment Series began January 1958.
Current month preliminary.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
** Under 50.*
Residence Series began January 1970.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

MAY 1976

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	Net Changes to Current Month from: Apr. 1976	May 1975
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.0	48.3	47.1	-.3	.9
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.9	2.6	-.6	-.3
Percent of Labor Force[1/]	*4.7*	*5.9*	*5.6*	*-1.2*	*-.9*
3. Employment, Total	45.7	45.4	44.5	.3	1.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	39.7	39.6	38.4	.1	1.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*39.4*	*39.4*	*38.2*	*0*	*1.2*
MANUFACTURING	*3.4*	*3.3*	*3.2*	*.1*	*.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*36.0*	*36.1*	*35.0*	*-.1*	*1.0*
Contract Construction	*1.9*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*-.1*	*0*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.3*	*3.3*	*3.5*	*0*	*-.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.0*	*12.9*	*12.4*	*.1*	*.6*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*-.1*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.3*	*8.3*	*8.2*	*0*	*.1*
Government	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.1*	*0*	*.4*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	4.3	4.2	4.4	.1	-.1
(c) Agriculture	1.7	1.6	1.7	.1	0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Current month preliminary.*
2/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.* *Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.*
3/ *Non-additive, included in Line (a).* * *Under 50.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1970.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Employment & Training Administration.

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1976
STATEWIDE	332.5	328.7	330.3	301.1	302.8	308.0	31.4	25.9	22.3	*9.4*	*7.9*	*6.8*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	33.1	32.5	32.6	30.0	29.9	30.3	3.1	2.6	2.3	*9.2*	*7.9*	*7.1*
BILLINGS SMSA	47.7	48.3	48.0	44.3	45.4	45.7	3.4	2.9	2.3	*7.2*	*5.9*	*4.7*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	251.7	247.9	249.7	226.8	227.5	232.0	24.9	20.4	17.7	*9.9*	*8.2*	*7.1*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.1	35.6	35.9	32.3	32.4	32.9	3.8	3.2	3.0	*10.6*	*9.0*	*8.5*
BOZEMAN	24.4	24.1	24.4	22.2	22.3	22.8	2.2	1.8	1.6	*8.8*	*7.4*	*6.6*
GLASGOW	16.3	16.0	16.1	15.1	15.1	15.5	1.3	.8	.7	*7.8*	*5.2*	*4.1*
GLENDIVE	13.7	13.4	13.5	12.6	12.7	12.9	1.1	.7	.5	*7.8*	*5.3*	*3.9*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.2	10.9	11.1	10.1	10.2	10.4	1.0	.8	.7	*9.3*	*7.0*	*6.1*
HAVRE	12.0	11.9	12.1	11.2	11.2	11.4	.9	.7	.6	*7.7*	*6.0*	*5.1*
HELENA	22.0	21.6	21.7	20.1	20.2	20.5	1.8	1.4	1.3	*8.3*	*6.6*	*5.8*
KALISPELL	33.6	33.1	32.8	28.5	28.5	29.1	5.1	4.6	3.6	*15.2*	*13.7*	*11.1*
LEWISTOWN	11.0	10.8	11.0	10.2	10.2	10.5	.8	.6	.5	*7.5*	*5.2*	*4.8*
MILES CITY	13.6	13.3	13.6	12.5	12.6	12.8	1.1	.7	.8	*7.9*	*5.5*	*5.6*
MISSOULA	40.5	40.2	40.1	35.9	36.0	36.6	4.6	4.2	3.6	*11.3*	*10.5*	*8.9*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.3	17.0	17.4	16.1	16.1	16.6	1.2	.9	.8	*7.0*	*5.2*	*4.8*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

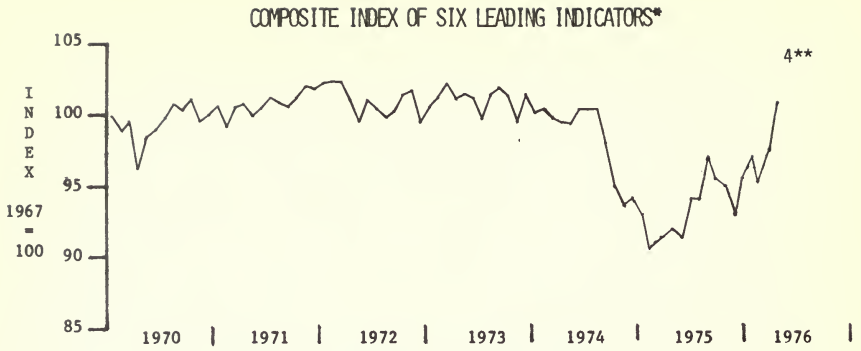
Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	May 1976	May 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	May 1976	May 1975	Percent Change 1975-1976	May 1976	May 1975	Net Change 1975-1976	May 1976	May 1975	Net Change 1975-1976
STATEWIDE	330.3	332.3	- .6	308.0	308.6	- .2	22.3	23.7	- 1.4	6.8	7.1	- .3
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.6	33.8	-3.6	30.3	31.4	-3.5	2.3	2.4	- .1	7.1	7.0	.1
BILLINGS SMSA	48.0	46.7	2.8	45.7	44.1	3.6	2.3	2.6	- .3	4.7	5.6	- .9
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	249.7	251.8	- .8	232.0	233.1	- .5	17.7	18.7	- 1.0	7.1	7.4	- .3
ANACONDA-BUTTE	35.9	34.9	2.9	32.9	32.1	2.5	3.0	2.8	.2	8.5	8.1	.4
BOZEMAN	24.4	24.6	- .8	22.8	22.8	0	1.6	1.8	- .2	6.6	7.4	- .8
GLASGOW	16.1	16.3	-1.2	15.5	15.6	- .6	.7	.7	0	4.1	4.2	- .1
GLENDIVE	13.5	13.6	- .7	12.9	13.0	- .8	.5	.6	- .1	3.9	4.2	- .3
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.1	10.1	9.9	10.4	9.5	9.5	.7	.6	.1	6.1	6.0	.1
HAVRE	12.1	12.6	-4.0	11.4	12.0	-5.0	.6	.6	0	5.1	4.5	.6
HELENA	21.7	21.9	- .9	20.5	20.6	- .5	1.3	1.3	0	5.8	6.0	- .2
KALISPELL	32.8	33.7	-2.7	29.1	29.6	-1.7	3.6	4.1	- .5	11.1	12.2	-1.1
LEWISTOWN	11.0	11.6	-5.2	10.5	11.1	-5.4	.5	.5	0	4.8	4.3	.5
MILES CITY	13.6	13.2	3.0	12.8	12.7	.8	.8	.5	.3	5.6	4.2	1.4
MISSOULA	40.1	40.8	-1.7	36.6	36.5	.3	3.6	4.3	- .7	8.9	10.5	-1.6
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.4	18.5	-5.9	16.6	17.6	-5.7	.8	.9	- .1	4.8	4.6	.2

1/ *A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.*
2/ *Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.*

ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100

1975	
January	92.7
February	90.3
March	91.0
April	91.6
May	91.0
June	93.7
July	93.7
August	96.7
September	95.2
October	94.8
November	92.7
December	95.3
1976	
January	96.8
February	95.0
March	97.4
April	100.5
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

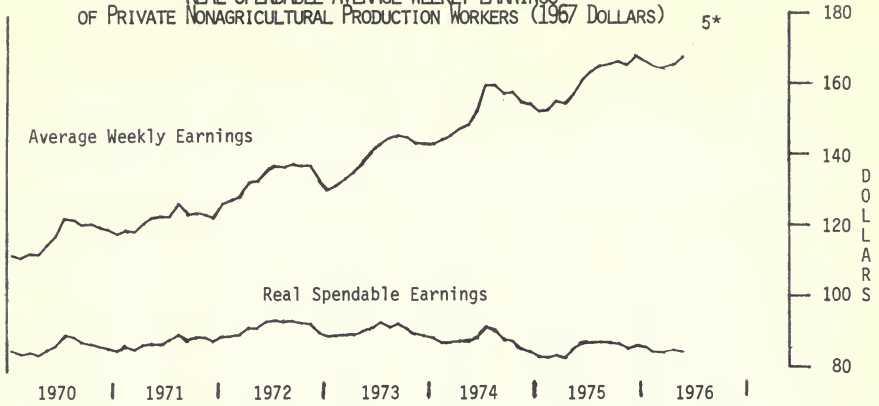
MONTANA's COMPOSITE INDEX

The composite index rose from 97.4 in March to 100.5 in April. This is the first time the composite index has been over 100.0 since August 1974, and the first time it has been over 100.4 since December 1973. Layoffs in manufacturing was the only indicator to show a negative trend this month, while five of the six leading indicators showed definite positive trends. These preliminary indications show Montana's economy is on a positive upswing.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$ 166.72	$ 165.50	$ 157.24
Taxes Withheld	23.87	23.48	21.06
Spendable Earnings	142.85	142.02	136.17
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	58.43	57.58	50.69
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	84.42	84.44	85.48

1975	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jan.	$152.28	$83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	165.98	86.48
Nov.	165.34	85.67
Dec.	167.81	86.36
1976		
Jan.	165.89	85.35
Feb.	164.98	84.77
Mar.	163.70	84.02
Apr.	165.50	84.44
May	166.72p	84.42p
June		

Gross average weekly earnings increased from $165.50 in April to $166.72 in May. However, real spendable earnings of $84.42 for May is down slightly from the April figure of $84.44.

The index went up only .6% from April - a slight increase over last month's .4% figure - and 6.2% over May a year ago. On the negative side, the average wage earners real spendable earnings declined 1.2% from May 1975.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earning of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

RESIDENCE DATA

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ Montana	Percent 1/ U. S.	
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	326.0	303.0	265.8	37.2	23.0	7.0	8.2	*
February	326.4	300.0	263.3	36.7	26.4	8.1	8.2	.1
March	326.0	300.0	265.2	34.8	26.0	8.0	8.7	.3
April	323.2	295.6	262.7	32.9	27.6	8.5	8.9	.2
May	325.6	299.0	265.1	33.9	26.6	8.2	9.2	.1
June	327.4	299.7	267.7	32.0	27.7	8.4	8.6	.1
July	327.8	301.3	268.9	32.4	26.5	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.3	302.9	270.2	32.7	26.4	8.0	8.4	*
September	333.1	306.3	273.7	32.6	26.8	8.1	8.3	.3
October	336.4	308.4	273.1	35.3	28.0	8.3	8.6	.3
November	341.0	313.0	275.4	37.6	28.0	8.2	8.3	.2
December	343.5	314.0	274.6	39.4	29.5	8.6	8.3	.2
1975 Avg.	330.5	303.6	268.8	34.8	26.9	8.1	8.5	.1
1976								
January	342.7	315.0	274.6	40.4	27.7	8.1	7.8	*
February	341.1	314.6	275.6	39.0	26.5	7.8	7.6	*
March	337.8	309.9	273.8	36.1	27.9	8.3	7.5	*
April	332.6	307.2	272.2	35.0	25.4	7.6	7.5	*
May	328.0	302.7	269.2	33.5	25.3	7.7	7.3	
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

RESIDENCE DATA

Table X
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.4	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.1	6.5	7.0	*
February	32.7	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	*
March	32.5	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.6	8.1	8.0	.1
April	32.6	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.8	8.7	8.5	.1
May	32.4	29.9	28.6	1.3	2.5	7.8	8.2	*
June	32.2	29.7	28.5	1.2	2.5	7.9	8.4	*
July	32.4	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.6	8.2	8.1	*
August	32.5	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.7	8.2	8.0	*
September	32.7	30.0	28.8	1.2	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
October	33.0	30.0	28.7	1.3	3.0	9.0	8.3	*
November	33.6	30.8	29.3	1.5	2.8	8.3	8.2	*
December	33.4	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.9	8.8	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	32.7	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.7	8.2	8.1	*
1976								
January	33.7	31.0	29.3	1.7	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
February	33.6	31.0	29.4	1.6	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
March	33.7	30.8	29.4	1.4	2.9	8.6	8.3	*
April	32.5	29.8	28.4	1.4	2.7	8.3	7.6	*
May	32.2	29.8	28.5	1.3	2.4	7.5	7.7	
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*
2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*
* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XI

RESIDENCE DATA

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(in Thousands)

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 2/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent 1/ County	Percent 1/ State	
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	*
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	*
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	*
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.9	44.0	42.3	1.7	2.9	6.2	7.0	*
February	46.6	43.3	41.6	1.7	3.3	7.0	8.1	*
March	46.5	43.3	41.7	1.6	3.2	7.0	8.0	.1
April	47.3	43.7	42.2	1.5	3.6	7.6	8.5	*
May	47.3	44.3	42.8	1.5	3.0	6.3	8.2	*
June	47.3	44.2	42.7	1.5	3.1	6.5	8.4	*
July	47.8	44.7	43.3	1.4	3.1	6.5	8.1	*
August	48.2	45.0	43.4	1.6	3.2	6.5	8.0	*
September	48.6	45.4	43.9	1.5	3.2	6.6	8.1	.2
October	48.0	44.8	43.2	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.3	.2
November	49.0	45.9	44.2	1.7	3.1	6.3	8.2	*
December	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.6	*
1975 Avg.	47.7	44.5	42.9	1.6	3.2	6.7	8.1	*
1976								
January	49.0	45.8	44.0	1.8	3.2	6.6	8.1	*
February	48.8	45.9	44.2	1.7	2.9	6.0	7.8	*
March	48.7	45.6	44.0	1.6	3.1	6.4	8.3	*
April	48.7	45.7	44.1	1.6	3.0	6.2	7.6	*
May	47.9	45.3	43.8	1.5	2.6	5.5	7.7	
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

1/ *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

2/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.*

* *Under 50.*

Series began January 1970.
Revised to 1975 Benchmarks.
Current month preliminary.

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers.

Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

MAY 1976

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975	May 1976	Apr. 1976	May 1975
TOTAL PRIVATE	$166.72	165.50	156.17	35.7	35.9	35.9	$4.67	$4.61	$4.35
MANUFACTURING	222.34	221.18	183.81	38.6	38.6	35.9	5.76	5.73	5.12
Durable Goods	216.40	214.86	177.71	38.3	38.3	35.9	5.65	5.61	4.95
Primary Metal Industries	263.42	266.06	243.53	38.4	37.9	41.7	6.86	7.02	5.84
Nondurable Goods	236.16	234.60	201.40	39.1	39.1	35.9	6.04	6.00	5.61
Food and Kindred Products	227.92	225.52	198.86	39.5	40.2	37.1	5.77	5.61	5.36
MINING	297.65	290.50	267.03	43.2	41.5	43.0	6.89	7.00	6.21
Metal Mining	286.47	291.41	268.04	41.1	42.0	41.3	6.97	6.94	6.49
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	306.56	301.43	271.68	37.8	39.3	35.7	8.11	7.67	7.61
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	259.43	254.59	247.03	40.4	40.4	42.3	6.39	6.24	5.84
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	226.20	223.22	201.11	40.6	40.8	38.9	6.39	6.22	5.17
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	138.45	138.52	122.85	35.5	35.7	35.2	3.90	3.88	3.49
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	124.75	126.55	117.61	36.8	36.5	36.3	3.39	3.33	3.24
SERVICES	106.79	107.17	103.03	31.5	31.8	32.5	3.39	3.37	3.17

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

ESTABLISHMENT DATA

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

APRIL 1976

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975	Apr. 1976	Mar. 1976	Apr. 1975
MANUFACTURING	4.5	1.5	3.0	3.6	0.9	1.7	2.5	1.0	2.4	1.4	0.6	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.6
Durable Goods	4.4	1.7	3.0	3.2	0.8	1.9	2.2	1.2	2.6	1.4	0.7	1.1	0.2	0.1	0.9
Primary Metal Industries	5.0	3.6	0.5	2.2	0.3	*	1.0	0.8	2.7	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.0
Nondurable Goods	4.7	1.1	2.8	4.5	1.0	1.4	2.8	0.9	1.9	1.2	0.4	1.5	0.9	0.3	*
MINING	2.5	2.0	2.6	0.6	1.4	1.7	1.4	2.2	2.8	0.4	0.7	1.1	0.1	0.1	*
Metal Mining	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.6	2.6	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.1

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	May 1976	May 1975	Year to Date 1976	Year to Date 1975
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	24	21	112	127
MINING	6	3	33	30
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	38	27	150	129
MANUFACTURING	15	8	43	37
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	9	3	29	26
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	41	47	186	231
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	18	13	101	102
SERVICES	60	86	344	376
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	0	0	0
STATE TOTAL	211	208	998	1058

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	May 1976	May 1975	1976	1975
STATE OF MONTANA	211	208	998	1058
GREAT FALLS SMSA	18	22	99	100
BILLINGS SMSA	39	33	150	159
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	13	10	85	85
Beaverhead	2	3	19	18
Deer Lodge	3	0	10	9
Granite	1	0	1	1
Madison	1	3	5	11
Powell	1	0	8	8
Silver Bow	5	4	42	38
BOZEMAN LMA	21	19	81	96
Gallatin	15	18	63	82
Meagher	0	1	2	3
Park	6	0	16	11
GLASGOW LMA	6	6	53	46
Daniels	4	4	16	13
Phillips	0	0	1	8
Roosevelt	2	1	14	10
Sheridan	0	1	11	6
Valley	0	0	11	9
GLENDIVE LMA	6	5	36	43
Dawson	0	1	13	16
Garfield	0	1	2	6
McCone	0	0	6	5
Prairie	1	0	3	1
Richland	5	3	12	14
Wibaux	0	0	0	1
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	6	8	31	36
Big Horn	0	2	7	18
Carbon	4	1	15	7
Stillwater	2	4	6	7
Sweet Grass	0	1	3	4

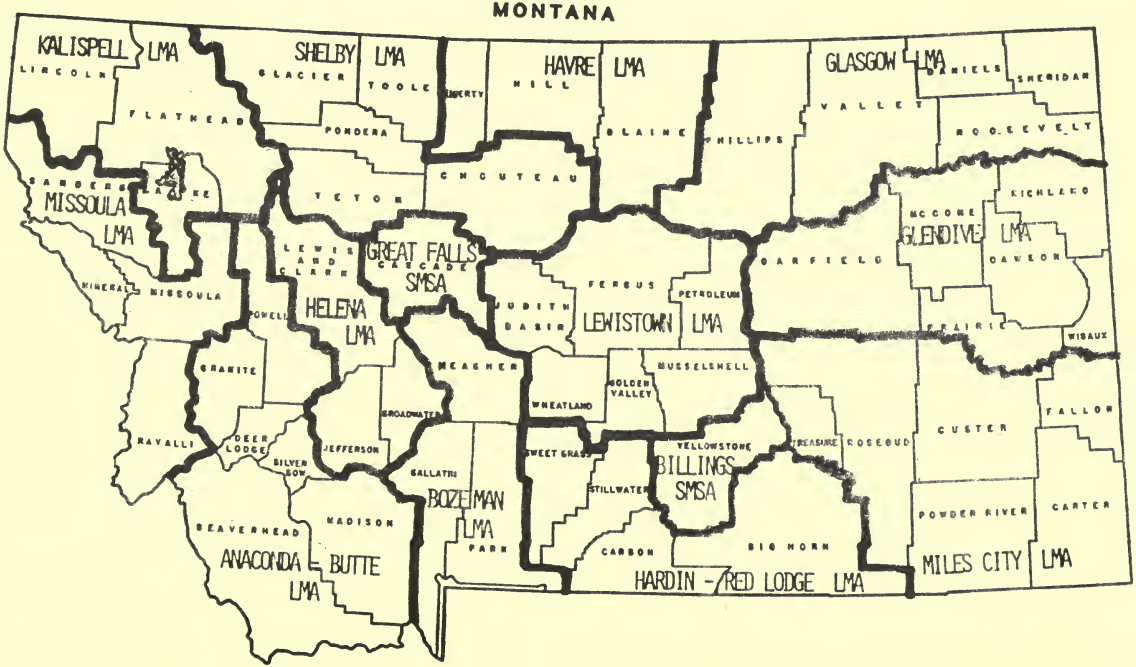
Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS			
			Year to Date	
	May 1976	May 1975	1976	1975
HAVRE LMA	4	4	32	39
Blaine	0	1	3	9
Hill	4	3	25	26
Liberty	0	0	4	4
HELENA LMA	18	11	74	57
Broadwater	0	1	1	3
Jefferson	2	0	8	4
Lewis and Clark	16	10	65	50
KALISPELL LMA	30	25	116	111
Flathead	15	23	78	79
Lake	7	2	27	21
Lincoln	8	0	11	11
LEWISTOWN LMA	4	6	18	17
Fergus	0	4	10	10
Golden Valley	0	0	1	0
Judith Basin	0	0	0	0
Musselshell	3	1	5	4
Petroleum	1	0	2	0
Wheatland	0	1	0	3
MILES CITY LMA	9	7	44	52
Carter	0	0	1	3
Custer	2	1	15	21
Fallon	4	4	8	8
Powder River	0	1	3	3
Rosebud	2	1	14	16
Treasure	1	0	3	1
MISSOULA LMA	26	43	130	168
Mineral	0	2	1	11
Missoula	20	33	99	115
Ravalli	1	4	15	21
Sanders	5	4	15	21
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	11	9	49	49
Chouteau	4	3	11	7
Glacier	2	4	12	16
Pondera	2	1	6	12
Teton	1	0	9	7
Toole	2	1	11	7

Source of data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS

IN

MONTANA



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